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Ed: additional members recommended at the state level for the task force:

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**Vector Task Force call 1600 hours 09242017**

**Attendees**

FEMA-Emergency Services Branch  
FEMA Public Assistance  
TX Dept. State Health Services (DSHS)  
ESF 8- HHS  
Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Dept. of Defense  
ESF 10- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Environmental Historical Preservation (EHP)

### Current Situation

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The state has request federal support for Vector Control. Rainfall increased standing water, mosquitoes, and it has become a public health concern. Vector control is exceeding local and state capabilities. In coordination with the state, FEMA is coordination **pre-staging requirements** for Vector Control.

- CDC- Dr. Janet McAllister – provided a vocal “we concur” on DSHS’s approach for aerial vector control and will provide email with concurrence.

TX DSHS has activated their contract with Clark for abatement activity. Will begin in in Corpus Christie will be there wed or Thursday.

- Reaching out to local jurisdictions to see what capacity they have and what needs are and the number of requests for aerial applications.

DoD- is determining staging requirement. Will also need specific on Pesticide and loading capabilities.

Project coordinator is -Dr. Whitney Qualls, Medical Entomologist Texas Department of State Health Services.

EHP/EPA/US Fish & Wildlife Service- Need proposed aerial mosquito spraying application area.

Need to US Fish & Wildlife Services and External Affairs to be included in the Vector Control Task Force.

Public messaging is critical need

### **Action Items**

- DSHS is working on proposed aerial mosquito spraying application area and pesticide type.
- FEMA/ESF 8 will coordinate with DSHS Project Coordinator on specifics for the mission.
- Identify External Affairs/Public Messaging ,US Fish & Wildlife and TX Park & Wildlife, and GSA reps to be included in the Task Force

### **Next meeting**

**Tuesday, Sept 5 at 4:00pm (central)- Meeting invite will be sent out.**

Regards,

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